

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 3, and 5-9 and add new claim 10. Claims 2 and 4 were previously cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment filed July 30, 2003.

Claims 1-9. Cancelled

10. (New) A gas-insulated switch equipped with:

a breaking section comprising a fixed contact, and a moving contact that contacts with and separates from said fixed contact, both of said fixed contact and said moving contact installed in a grounded vessel filled with insulating gas;

an operating device comprising a closing operation section that closes said fixed contact and said moving contact of said breaking section, and a breaking operation section that breaks said fixing contact and said moving contact of said breaking section;

a shock absorber that hydraulically absorbs the shock on both of said fixing contact and said moving contact in said closing operation and said breaking operation of said operating device; wherein

said shock absorber comprises a piston, a rod end, and a breaking spring guide;

said shock absorber is arranged in a breaking spring  
    of said breaking section;

    said shock absorber adjusts said shocks in both of  
    said closing operation and said breaking operation of  
    said operating device by adjusting hydraulic pressure;  
    and

    an adjustment of said hydraulic pressure is carried  
    out externally of said switch.